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UMBRELLA OF COLORS— Wartburg student volunteers join with special athletes to raise a parachute at Unified Sports Day Saturday in the PEC. More than 60 student volunteers participated with nearly 120 athletes mostly from the Bremer County area, including those from Adults, Inc. in Waverly.

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Flamingos cause mixed emotions

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

A flamingo fund-raiser, which has raised nearly $400 so far for the Jamie and Jim's Kids charity, has stirred some faculty and staff since it began Feb. 12.

The Volunteer Action Center (VAC) responded to four e-mails received Monday from those disagreeing with donating money if the plastic pink flamingos ended up on their lawn.

Linda Moeller, director of communication and marketing, e-mailed faculty and staff Feb. 11 explaining rules of the fund-raiser. If a flock of flamingos ended up on someone's lawn, a $20 fee would be charged to have them taken off, along with $5 to send them to another faculty or staff member's yard of choice. For recipients who owned a $15 flamingo insurance policy, however, the flock would be placed on the sender's lawn with a $5 return-to-sender fee.

"I think we worded the rules wrong because this is the first time we've done something like this," senior Tammy Joe Anderson, VAC member, said. "I can see how some people would have a problem with it, but I don't think that should prohibit others from having a good time with it."

A new notice with reformatted rules now has been sent throughout the campus. A flamingo recipient can pay $25 to send the ornaments to someone else, but no charge is required. Insurance is $5, if desired. At least seven people have declined participation.

Dr. Paul Hedeen opted not to take part but offered a $10 donation.

"I found it (the fund-raiser) to be manipulative," Hedeen said. "I think some of the organizations may not know how frequently we're (faculty and staff) asked to give to things or be compelled to respond."

"I think their (VAC members') hearts are in the right place," Robert Strong, instructor of Spanish, added. "I'm not the kind of person who doesn't give out of the goodness of my heart but ... It would be like someone's forcing me (to donate), which is not the spirit of charity."

Matt Pries, director of the student center, feels the campus community should be supportive of the VAC's efforts.

"It wouldn't have been a big deal if they'd have done our yard, but I advised them to stay out of the back for fear of thawing doggy-doo," Pries said. "As it is, I purchased insurance to protect us all."

As of Saturday, nearly 15 lawns had been hit. A crew removes flamingos from lawns about 2 p.m. daily and delivers them to another at 2 a.m.

Money from the fund-raiser will be added to the $1,326 raised at the dance marathon Feb. 11. Anderson noted the flamingo activity will continue until "whenever we get tired of it."

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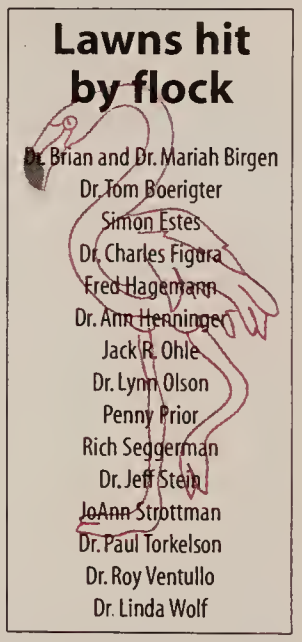
Lawns hit by flock



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Fall to winter retention ranks same as last year

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Student retention from Fall Term 2004 to Winter Term 2005 is 95.1 percent, which is typical but on the high end of a 10-year history, Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, said. It does, however, rank the same as last year's fall to winter retention.

"It's where we've been, roughly, the last several years," Waldstein said. "Ten years ago we were this high, then we dropped a little for a period in there. Typically it's 4 to 5 percent we lose from fall to winter."

Fall 2002 to winter 2003 was 95 percent. From fall 2001 to winter 2002, retention was 94.3 percent. From fall 2000 to winter 2001, retention was 93.9 percent.

Eighty-four students left Wartburg. Most had an exit interview with Waldstein and a member of student life and filled out a survey with concerns or reasons for leaving. Sixteen left because a desired major was not offered.

"They may have been looking for something more technical or professional, like nursing, or a more vocationally-oriented program at a community college like interior design, landscape or architecture," Waldstein said. "These things aren't at the heart of a liberal arts college."

According to TyAnn Lindell, assistant dean for academic affairs, 19 were academically suspended at the end of fall 2004. Eleven students have taken a leave of absence, and a handful said Wartburg was too small.

First-time, first-year students had a retention of 90.5 percent. Retention of sophomore students was 95.2 percent, compared with 94.5 percent in 2003 and 95.5 percent in 2002. Juniors were at 98 percent, up from 97.3 percent in 2003 and 96.6 percent in 2002. Seniors were retained at 99.4 percent, the same as last year but with an increase from 96.7 percent in 2002.

Waldstein said part of a higher upperclassmen retention may unofficially be linked to improved facilities, although this is the first year many new facilities have been available.

"I think not crowding students in residence halls is helpful," Waldstein noted.

Fall to winter retention of males was 93.8 percent and women was 96.1 percent. Retention of international students was 93.0 percent and transfer students was 89.3 percent.

Fall 2003 to fall 2004 retention was 85.6 percent.

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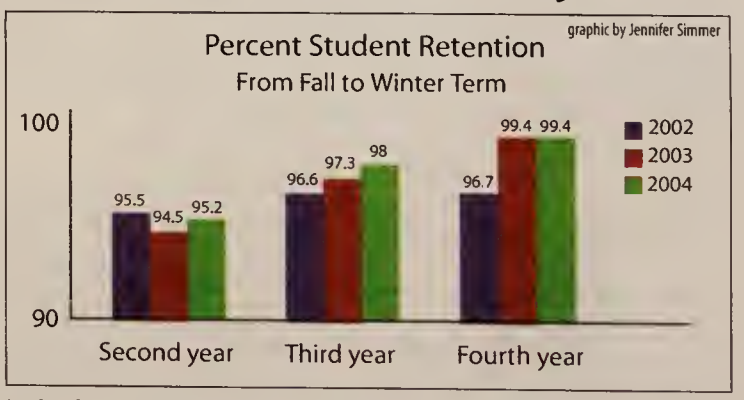

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Impact of diversity survey

By DELFORD DOHERTY
Columnist

If you are one of the people striving for diversity and multicultural understanding on this campus, you were probably stunned by the recently conducted diversity survey. Of the entire survey, I was particularly impacted by the responses to the question: "How do you feel about the diversity at Wartburg?"

According to the data collected, 94 people out of 335 participants said our diversity is "not enough;" 116 participants said "just enough" and a record number of about 125 people (about 7 percent of the entire student body) said we have "too much" diversity at Wartburg.

In my first reaction, I was consumed by disappointment and a deep level of frustration was from within.All I could do was lament when I thought about the enormous effort of myself and many others who are striving daily to promote diversity on this campus. Aftera brief moment, this feeling of frustration and disappointment left my mind and instead of wallowing in self-pity, I proceeded to dissect the logical reasons for this rather mystifying response by the survey participants.

One probable explanation for this is ignorance. It is possible that most of the participants responded to this question in relative terms. By this I mean they were probably relating diversity to the record increase in minority students on campus, or maybe the presence of all the ingredients of diversity that we have on campus, such as U.S. minority students, international students, small town, East Coast/West Coast, and so on and so forth. It is my contention that this rather utopian belief, as great as it sounds, is dangerous because the ingredients for diversity do not necessarily guarantee multicultural understanding or a diversified campus.

Another radical explanation that I am personally more inclined to believe is "the story of our evolution, or the radicaI change (toward diversity) that is being effected on our campus." I am disposed to the argument that participants believed that our campus diversity is "too much" because of our endless diversity discourses on this campus.

Lately, our campus has been bombarded with phenomenal dialogues at different levels. Our discourses are in the residence halls, in our classes, in our extracurricular activities, all across the board. This unparalleled approach to diversity has definitely gotten the attention of our campus. Most organizations are targeting students with diversity-oriented programs; Student Senate is also encouraging students initiatives that promote diversity, and faculty/staff programs are also directed toward promoting diversity and multicultural understanding.With all these discourses circumventing our campus I am left with no other choice but to understand why about 28 percent of our participants and 7 percent of the entire student body feels we have "too much" diversity. It is "too much" than usual. As paradoxical as this may sound, I feel great about this response. Not because of the utopian naiveté that we are a perfect campus with "too much" diversity, but simply because I know that our shouts for diversity and multicultural understanding have been heard.

"People are listening because echoes of diversity are resounding everywhere. We are getting the attention this issue deserves."

People are listening because the echoes of diversity are resounding everywhere. We are getting the attention this issue deserves. The trail is moving along and is getting longer. Diversity is slowly taking its place on our list of priorities. Thanks to all who believe.

To the participants of this survey, I appreciate the optimism or notion of contempt surrounding the utopian feeling of "too much" diversity at Wartburg. However, we still have a long way to go and we can only get to that utopia by getting sincere responses like yours. The scale of our diversity will expand, but we will never have too much diversity. Instead, we will still continue to create accommodation for human differences and prevent our society from reaching that state of equilibrium.

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See the world with Venture Ed

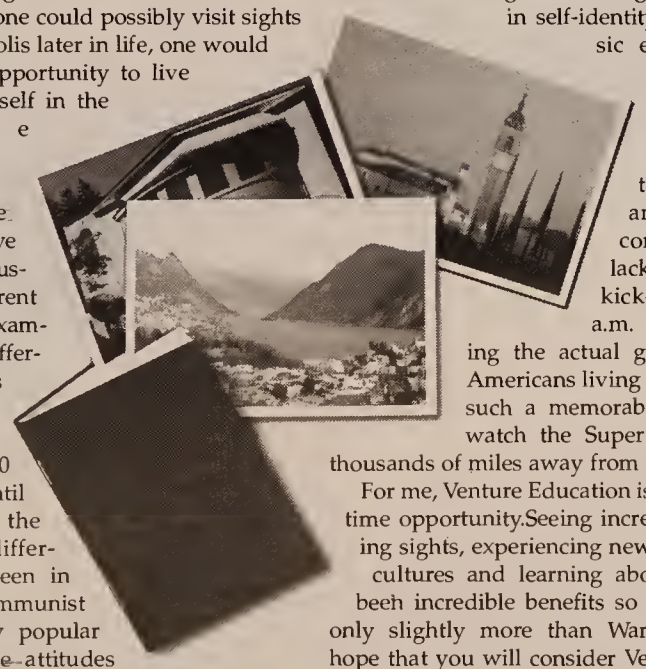
By JEREMY PEDERSEN
Columnist

One of the most incredible opportunities that Wartburg offers is Venture Education. Here, someone like me – for costs that are only slightly more than Wartburg's tuition – is able to leave the cornfields, small towns and cold winters of Iowa and go explore another culture many thousands of miles from home.

I have been studying this term in Athens, Greece, and it has been an unbelievable experience. Seeing incredible sights, immersing myself in another culture and learning about myself as an American are a few of the many benefits that studying here in Athens has given me.

First, Venture Education has given me the opportunity to see sights and places that I otherwise would not be able to see at any other time in my life. During my time in Athens, I have seen the Olympic stadium, walked through ancient sites like the agora and stood in awe at the Acropolis. While one can see the Acropolis on a television screen, it does not bring the same level of inspiration as seeing it with your own eyes. In addition, I have been or will be able to travel to places like Corfu, Crete, Thessaloniki, Corinth and Marathon, and spring break gives me an opportunity to travel to other countries in this region.

Second, while one could possibly visit sights such as the Acropolis later in life, one would never have the opportunity to live and immerse oneself in the native culture.Besides obvious differences in language and alphabet, I have seen many other customs that are different from the U.S.For example, time is seen differently here as Greeks take naps in the afternoon, eat supper at 10 p.m. and go out until three or four in the morning.Other differences could be seen in politics – the communist party is relatively popular here – and in the attitudes towards work.Overall, while living in a foreign land, I have seen a side of the culture that I would never see coming as a tourist.



Besides such cultural experiences, Venture Education gives me an opportunity to better understand my identity as an American.Living in a foreign land, one grows much more in self-identity.For me, a classic example of this would be watching the Super Bowl in Athens.From the national anthem to the commercials (or lack thereof) to the kick-off time (1:30 a.m. local) to watching the actual game with other Americans living in Athens, it was such a memorable experience to watch the Super Bowl so many thousands of miles away from the States.

For me, Venture Education is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.Seeing incredibly breathtaking sights, experiencing new and fascinating cultures and learning about myself have been incredible benefits so far, all at a cost only slightly more than Wartburg's tuition.I hope that you will consider Venture Education and the incredible experiences that it can offer.

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Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

■ Thank you to the Wartburg fans at Storm Lake on Saturday who showed a lot of class compared to the BV fans.It's nice to know we can support our awesome men's and women's basketball teams without being offensive.

■ Let's fill the stands in Knights Gym this week for the conference basketball tournament. Both the men's and women's teams deserve our support. Go Knights!

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

As college students here at Wartburg, the gentlemen of Hebron One were greatly offended by the writings of Mr. David Kordahl.We understand that freedom of speech is very important and everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but Kordahl misses the point here.We wonder if Kordahl was born under a rock, in a barn, or on the moon, and we would hate to see the sheltered childhood he lived.We are sorry that we are terrible human beings and doomed forever because like most other college students, we enjoy the occasional dance ("slamming of privates in mindless sociality"), video games (MarioKart 64 has given us a terrible case of road rage), and/or "barley pop."In regards to the comment about playing video games as a sport, we were left speechless.As a floor consisting of many athletes, we can honestly say that we have never broken a sweat playing Frogger.We hope that one day we can be as perfect as Mr. Kordahl, so that we would not be looked down upon.Perhaps Wartburg just isn't the place for Kordahl.May we suggest a small private college northeast of Waverly located in the quaint town of Decorah, otherwise known as Luther College.Maybe then, Mr. Kordahl will find people that he can relate to, the mighty Norse. P.S.Hope to see you at Joe's this weekend.

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'Music Man' to feature professional backdrops

By TINA HINZ
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The Wartburg music department's and Wartburg Players' production of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" will feature seven 17-by-50-foot professional scenic backdrops. Costs for the musical will use up more than half of Players' yearly budget.

"The drops are not something we'd do for every show," Dr. William Earl, play director and assistant professor of communication arts, said. "Every year we try to do something different.

"We're trying to get them (Wartburg musicals) at a higher scale in terms of lots of scenery."

While they are probably a regional production design instead of Broadway, Earl hopes the drops will be more "close to" a Broadway musical for the audience.

Six of the seven fabric drops arrived Wednesday, and the other was recently painted, hemmed and fireproofed and is scheduled for delivery today. All were rented as part of "The Music Man" package from Kenmark, Inc. in Overland Park, Kan. Earl started "drop shopping" in May 2004 and placed the order in November 2004.

Each drop costs about $400 per week, but Earl said the company has allotted the group a few extra days.

"By contract, we shouldn't be expecting them until Monday (today)," Earl said.

Handling each drop, or scrim, with caution is a must, Earl said. Damage or replacement fees could potentially run several thousand dollars.

Other costs for the musical include almost $600 to rent scripts. Royalty fees are $385 per show, while a regular play is typically $50 to $100. Earl said with royalties for a musical, it's not uncommon to pay $250 to $500 for each performance.

Earl also had hopes the drops would ease the amount of work needed to host the musical, but "that's not the case," he said. He's already designed nearly 50 costumes, not including reworking outfits purchased from second-hand stores like Goodwill or Trinkets and Togs.

Joseph Perniciaro, lecturer in music, will direct musical selections, and Dr. Paul Torkelson, professor of music and director of the Wartburg choir, will conduct the accompanying orchestra.

The cast includes nearly 50 Wartburg students and 40 elementary children from the area children's choir. Senior Wyatt Sheeder will play Professor Harold Hill, with senior Mara Schack as the librarian Marion Paroo. Marcellus Washburn will be played by senior Philip Schroetter, and sophomore Cassie Bailey will play Mrs. Paroo.

Kate Hunt/TRUMPET

SETTING THE SCENE—Sophomore Erin Gallagher (left), senior Stephanie Larsen and sophomore Thomas Hansen work on hanging one of the backdrops for the musical "The Music Man," which will be performed Thursday through Saturday in Neumann Auditorium.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in Neumann Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for children and students, $6 for senior citizens and $7 for adults. All tickets are reserved seating and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the information desk at Ext. 8200 Doors open at 7 p.m. for each performance.

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'Get rich quick' scheme hits campus

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Some Wartburg students have been approached to join Quixtar, a type of buying program promoting "get rich quick opportunities," Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, said.

John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, notified Waverly Police earlier this week and searched the company's Web site at http://www.quixtarfacts.com. He has now confirmed the apparently legitimate Internet company, founded in 1999, sells primarily cosmetics and personal items.

Those who work for Quixtar are considered independent business owners. Quixtar's business practice is not a pyramid scheme, by legal gambling definition, but it does operate in a pyramid-type fashion.

"It's just like buying stock," Myers said. "You take your chances. Many complain they (Quixtar representatives) do a lot of false advertising. Profits or income are made by bringing in others to sell their products."

A Quixtar representative earns a profit of 3 percent for each sale. The person also recruits salespeople to work for the company. Each salesperson makes 3 percent per sale as well, but the overseeing rep benefits from 3 percent of each salesperson's order. It pyramids from there.

Armstrong received two complaints from parents of students Tuesday. One parent said Quixtar initially contacted students living in Clinton and Hebron Halls.

"The concern is that students desperate for money might view this as an easy solution without fully understanding the possible consequences," Armstrong said.

Better Business Bureau of Iowa has no record of the company, so it's likely no corporate Quixtar offices exist in Iowa, Myers said.

"For students interested in such a venture, I say ... let the buyer beware," Myers said.

Wartburg's solicitation policy states sales on residence hall floors are prohibited except by student organizations. Student organizations may be allotted a table in public areas to solicit support for their cause. The solicitation policy exists to protect the rights of privacy and personal security of community members.

In an unrelated incident about three weeks ago, a man was authorized by Pathways career services to set up a table on campus for recruiting students to sell books. Instead he was soliciting table to table in the Den. Myers said the man overstepped his restrictions and was asked to leave.

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Graven award convo will be Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

Former KGAN anchor Dave Shay (David Scheie), is this year's recipient of the Graven award. The convocation will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in McCaskey Lyceum with the awards ceremony following at 7:30 p.m. in the Wartburg Chapel.

"I feel very humbled and honored by this award," Shay said. "I knew and admired Henry and Helen Graven, as well as their sons."

Shay, a 1950 St. Olaf College graduate, began working in 1959 at what would become KGAN-TV, retiring in 1993. He exhibited types of qualities the Gravens valued at KGAN and continues to do so after retirement.

"I think it's a particularly good honor. Anyone who gets it really has a commitment to young people, education and faith in daily life," the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, the award administrator, said. "Dave Shay was chosen because of the esteem in which he was held by colleagues."

The award was started by Helen T. Graven and her children after Henry N. Graven, a former Iowa and federal judge, died in 1970. It is intended to award laypeople, those who are not pastors but instead incorporate their faith in their personal and professional lives by working with their communities.

"I would urge that they (students) be aware of what they want to stand for and how they want to be known," Shay said.

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Clarification

Last week, in the "KWAR will debut new news show" story on Page 8, senior Michael Fink was misquoted. The quote reading, "We have a lot of free air time not being used on the radio by DJs" is inaccurate, because KWAR does have a lot of airtime devoted to disc jockeys on station. As well, the paraphrase about the previous show falling through when the people who ran it left campus implied the people who ran the show intentionally meant for it to fall to pieces after they left, which is untrue. According to Fink, Burns and himself are unsure of what happened to the show, as they weren't students here at the time. From what they understand, KWAR stopped running the show, and it didn't just fall apart, as was reported.

Burning Questions?

Q: What happened to Dr. Katz in the music department? Is he still on sabbatical?
A: Only tenured faculty can take sabbatical, and Dr. Katz is not tenured at Wartburg. He is "on leave for this year," according to the music department, and "as far as we know," he will be returning in the fall of this year.

Q: Do the Regents Board members pay for their transportation to the upcoming meeting in Arizona?
A: "They pay their own way," President Jack R. Ohle said. Not necessarily, says another board member. There is money set aside to pay for "those of us who aren't $2.5 million donors." Additionally, elected alumni representatives are flown to the meeting on the college's dollar.

Send Burning Questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu before Thursdoy.

Weekly Record

Waverly Police
Jan. 29
At 2:13 a.m., police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation in the 1200 block of Wilson Avenue Northwest. When the vehicle stopped, the driver and passenger led officers in a foot pursuit through the neighborhood. Both were caught a short distance later. The operator, Peter Joseph Osterbrger, 21, Waverly, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and interfering with official acts. The passenger, Jeffery James Rierson, 22, Waverly, was arrested and charged for interfering with official acts.

State of Iowa v.
Peter Osterburger, 21, Waverly, was charged with first-offense operating while intoxicated.

Harken wins run-off election

Justin Harken

Sophomore Justin Harken was voted Student Senate treasurer for the 2005-2006 academic year in Tuesday's run-off election. He beat sophomore Eva Sersland with 407 of the 778 votes, about 52 percent.

Housing to include info session

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Layout Editor

Housing sign-up for the 2005-2006 academic year includes several changes, beginning with the addition of a question-and-answer session for students at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 in Room 214 of the Whitehouse Business Center.

This meeting allows students to get answers to housing sign-up questions.

Housing sign-up information will be distributed this week, and lottery numbers can be picked up in the residential life office starting today.

Knights Village sign up is March 1. Hal DeLaRosby, assistant director of residential life, said Student Senate's suggestion last year to limit Knights Village sign up to seniors and spread out the housing sign-up process has been implemented. Knights Village sign up is earlier than usual, so if space is limited, students will have time to consider other options.

Students wishing to live in suites sharing a common area, such as a bathroom in the Manors or living room in Grossmann and Lohe Halls, now can sign up in groups rather than in partners.

In the past, students wishing to live with a certain group have manipulated the system by partnering with others based on lottery numbers but later switching roommates.

Also new is that Lohe residents are selected based on proposals, and Grossmann residents are based on lottery numbers.

"Last year because Lohe was new, we weren't quite sure how people were going to respond to the idea of completing proposals," Armstrong said.

Because of this, Lohe residents were selected through proposals, and other groups with exceptional proposals were placed in Grossmann. Armstrong said this created some confusion and inequity this year since some Grossmann suites are working on projects to fulfill proposals and other suites are not.

Another informational meeting for students wishing to live in The Residence (The Res) and Lohe will be at 6 p.m. March 2 at a location to be determined.

Students must submit two separate proposals if applying for both Lohe and The Res. The Res selection committees will judge based on service learning, while selection for Lohe will focus on what students will learn from each other through an educationally-themed proposal.

Previously accepted proposals are available in the residential life office and on reserve in Vogel Library. Proposals for both buildings are due March 18 and will be reviewed by separate anonymous selection committees the following two weeks.

Exact sizes of on-campus rooms and floor plans are at www.wartburg.edu/reslife.

Students interested in living off campus must submit requests by Feb. 28. Residential life plans to notify released students as soon as possible. Like previous years, a set number of students does not exist, although residential life will "continue to try to be sensitive to students who are seniors wishing to live off campus."

Armstrong said a waiting list will most likely be created for releases, and more students could be released after the regular housing sign-up process. Residential life will then know how many beds are still available and will check with the admissions office on the size of the incoming class.

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Housing sign-up dates

- **Feb. 28** Housing sign-up question- answer session: 7 p.m., WBC Room 214
- **March 1** Knights Village sign-up: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., WBC Room 214
- **March 2** Informational session for The Res, Lohe Hall : 6 p.m., WBC Room 214
- **March 18** Proposals for the Res, Lohe Hall due
- **April 4** Regular housing sign-up for returning seniors, current juniors: 7 to 8 p.m., Neumann Auditorium
- **April 5** Regular housing sign-up for current sophomores: 7 to 8 p.m., Neumann Auditorium
- **April 6** Regular housing sign-up for current freshmen: 7 to 8 p.m., Neumann Auditorium

Residential life rejects extra senior move-out day

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
Assistant News Editor

A resolution passed by Student Senate in December was declined by Residential Life.

Resolution 25, originally introduced by senior senators Mary Achelpohl and Sarah Walters, was passed Dec. 2. It requested an extra day for seniors to move belongings out of campus residence halls, as long as they signed a contract holding them "liable and responsible for following housing policies." This would give seniors a chance to spend time with family and friends after graduating, instead of having to worry about moving out of their dorms as soon as possible.

In reply, Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, said residential life would not "waver from having seniors move out of the residence halls on the Sunday evening of graduation." The decision was based on several factors, including a conference scheduled on campus five days after graduation or only offering the extension to seniors, instead of all students associated with graduation activities. After conferring with John Wuertz, director of the physical plant, John Myers III, director of campus security and safety, Dr. Lex Smith, vice president for student life and residence hall directors, Armstrong considered advantages and disadvantages of granting the proposal.

"A vast majority of seniors are going to be disappointed with this decision," Senate president Ben Parks said. "We're going to officially go through other channels to find a solution that will work for everybody."

A full text of the rejection of Resolution 25 is available at http://wartburgsenate.blogs.com.

Parks said students can leave their comments in hopes of opening up a "constructive dialogue" about this issue.

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11 Mr. Wartburg contestants compete next week

By ABBY GOETZINGER
Staff Writer

Eleven male Wartburg students will compete for the title of Mr. Wartburg at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 in Neumann Auditorium. This is sponsored by Tower Agency, Wartburg's student-run public relations firm.

Mr. Wartburg parodies the Miss America Pageant with formal wear, swim wear and final question categories. This year features a group dance as well.

Contestants selected in early December by the student body include seniors Damen Heitmann and Tyler Ketelsen; juniors Matt Lamos, Todd Stanhope and Nick Wuertz; sophomores Nick Carruthers and Adam Gent; and freshmen Ben Dau, Bryant Dittmer and Roland Ferrie.

Judges will be Ann Arns, chair of the physical education department; Jill Gremmels, Vogel librarian; Deena Kazda, dining services checker; Tonya McMillion, lecturer in communication arts; and Dr. Paul Torkelson, professor of music.

"We tried to select people (judges) on campus who are outgoing and well-liked," senior Molly Richards, Tower executive for Mr. Wartburg, said.

Local businesses donated clothing, gift certificates and other merchandise as prizes for contestants.

Admission is $1 or a non-perishable food item.

All proceeds go to the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, a private, 24-hour non-profit domestic abuse and sexual assault victim advocacy agency serving Bremer, Butler and Chickasaw Counties.

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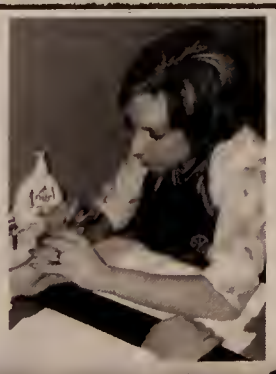

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Alum gets state appointment

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

Walter Reed, Jr. '76 has been appointed director of the Iowa Department of Human Rights by Gov. Tom Vilsack as of Dec. 31.

His duties include daily management, fiscal responsibilities, personnel decisions, administrative support and recommendation of governmental appointees. He also is to "serve as an ex-officio member of all division commissions and councils."

One change from his previous job with the Waterloo human rights commission is that he no longer is responsible for investigation of housing, employment and public discrimination and now works with a larger staff.

His goal is "providing thoughtful balance(d) leadership to a team of division administrators while delivering services to Iowa's diverse population."

Reed currently serves on both the alumni board and diversity committee.

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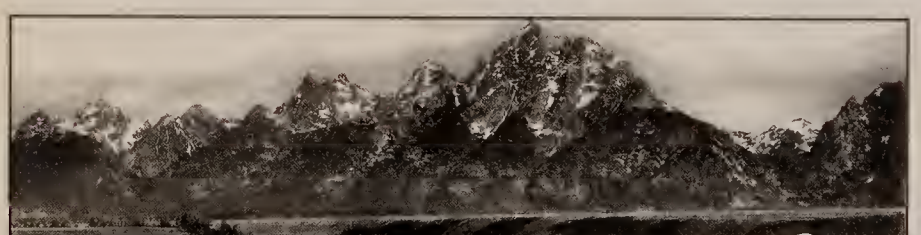

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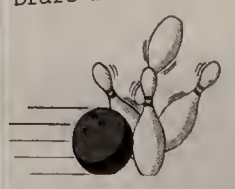

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ON THE BEACH—Justin Demers, junior Melanie Ingwerson and Kevin Jacobson bask in an Australian sunset on Cable Beach.

Nicole Neuendorf --Broome, Australia—Students' Choice

This photo was taken in Broome, Australia, on Cable Beach. Broome is a very isolated city with only a few thousand residents, but in my opinion it was one of the most beautiful cities in the country. Featured in this picture are Justin Demers, Melanie Ingwersen and Kevin Jacobsen. We spent the evening at the beach with some locals learning how to play cricket and AFL (Australian Football League). We were not at all familiar with either game, but we had an absolute blast attempting to learn. By the end of the evening, we had a pretty good understanding of the game and also an appreciation that we never had before. This was also the first real interaction we had with native Australians who were our own age. It was very interesting to hear about Australian customs from fellow teenagers. They also had a million questions for us Americans. Have you met any movie stars? Why did you choose to come to Australia? Which has better beaches, Australia or the United States? Although they would only stand for one answer to the last question (Australia with no comparison), it was a great evening at a beach for the seven interns in my program.

A winning gamble: poker profits charity

By VERN KLOBASSA
Staff Writer

Cards slap together as they are shuffled and dealt. Clay chips clink against the center of the table. Players strategically peek under the top left corners of each card to reveal the fate of their hand.

Following the trendy Texas hold'em craze, this scene will come alive at Sunday's Wartburg Poker Championship hosted by Clinton and Founders Halls.

"I really encourage all students, faculty and staff to come and participate... We don't want anyone to feel intimidated, there will be plenty of people available to help out," Eric Keller, resident hall director of Clinton, said.

The tournament will begin with participants drawing a table number to determine where they will be seated. Five to eight people will play at each table, depending on the number of participants.

"It was the fairest way to determine the seating," Keller said.

Players will bet with 11.5-gram orange, black, gray and white clay chips. This weight is considered top-of-the-line quality by most poker fans. The chips also follow Wartburg's "Be Orange" theme.

Clinton and Founders staff also plan to feature a bar with food and non-alcoholic beverages. Keller said this offers an alternative to an environment generally surrounded by alcohol.

Participation will be limited to 75 players because of time and space constraints.

The entry fee is $5 in advance or $7 at the door. A $200 gift certificate to Best Buy will be awarded to the top player.

"We intentionally made it (the entry fee) pretty inexpensive in order to get a greater number of people to participate," Keller said.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. When the idea to host the tournament came up in October, resident assistant Kim Petersen thought it would make a good fund-raiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Petersen has been a Big Sister for two and a half years.

"It is a good way to give back to the community... it made me realize how lucky some of us are," Petersen said about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

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ANTE UP—A group practices their poker-playing skills Thursday night in Clinton Hall.

Money raised will help pay for their various events. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will also have a stand set up at the poker event, offering information to those interested in volunteering.

"The goal of the tournament was to find a way that the Clinton and Founders staff could benefit the community, while at the same time creating a fun program for Wartburg students," Bradi Arnold, Clinton and Founders senior assistant, added.

The Clinton and Founders staff hopes the event brings a fun, friendly environment where students, faculty and staff can enjoy themselves while holding true to Wartburg's mission statement of service to others.

Those interested can sign up with any member of the Clinton or Founders staff.

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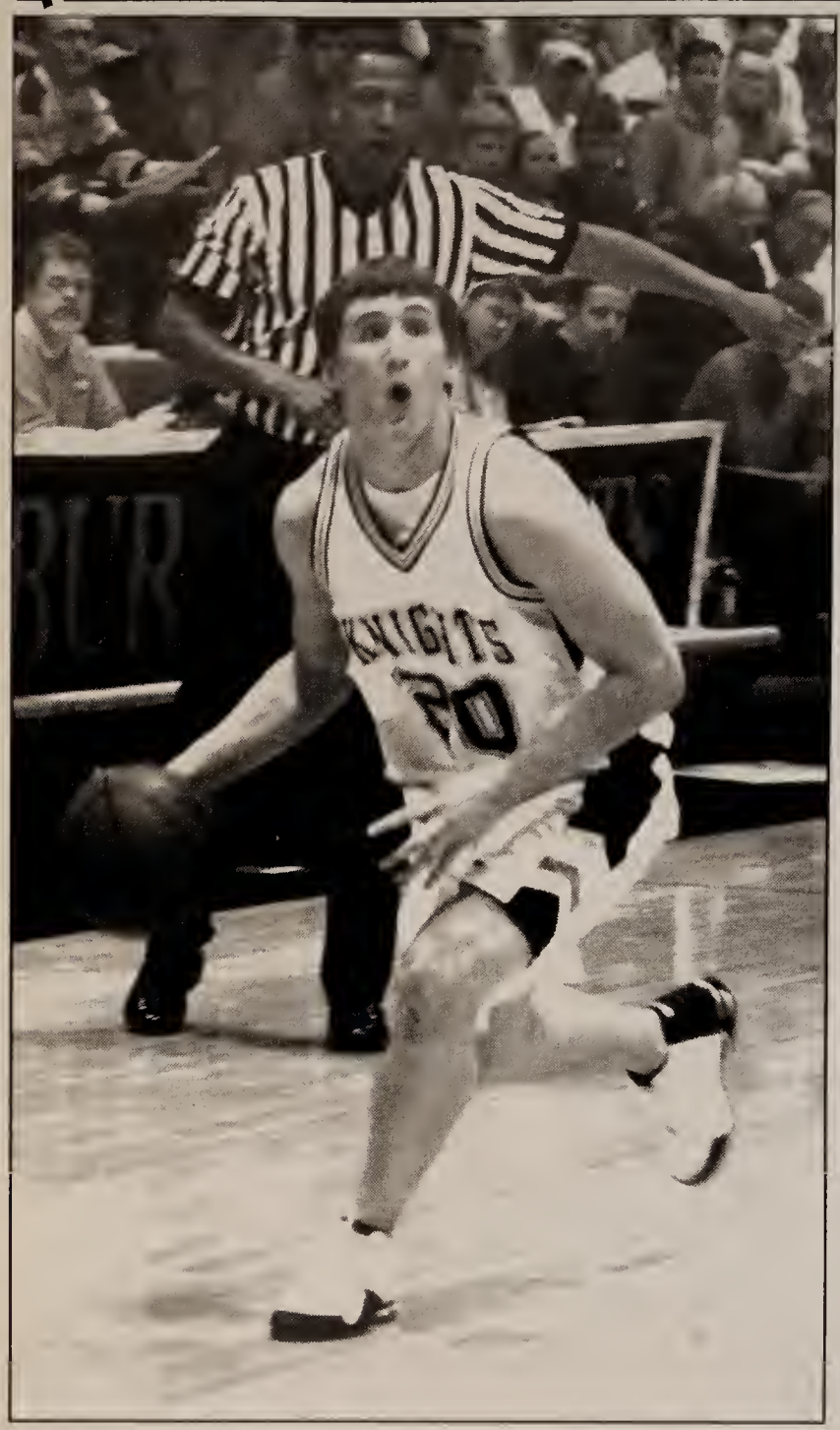

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OPEN WIDE–Sophomore James Menke looks for a teammate to pass the ball to in Wednesday's win over Cornell. The Knights won the conference for the 20th time in school history.

Bittersweet

Men secure conference but lose perfect season

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

Wartburg men's basketball team captured its first Iowa Conference regular season title since 2001 on Wednesday with an 89-77 home win over Cornell.

However, the celebration didn't last long. Saturday, in one of the biggest Div. III games in the nation, the No. 11-ranked Knights lost their fourth consecutive game at No. 10-ranked Buena Vista's Siebens Fieldhouse, 75-64. The loss snapped Wartburg's 15-game win streak, preventing a perfect run through league play.

Wartburg's shooting from the field played a major factor in the loss. Aside from junior center Nate Schmidt, the Knight starters combined to shoot 5-25 in the game. Leading the struggles were junior guards Jason Steege and Rance Cartmill, who went 0-7 and 1-6, respectively.

In the first half, the Knights managed to build a game-high 25-21 lead off a pair of free throws from senior Jordan Atchison. However, Buena Vista closed the half on a 15-5 run to take a 39-32 lead into the locker room.

Wartburg opened the second half on an 11-2 run finalized by a three-pointer from Atchison to tie the game at 43. The Knights then regained the lead midway through the half as a three-pointer from freshman Lee Nelson put the team up 51-49. Menke nailed a three in the next possession to give Wartburg its last lead of the game, 54-51. The Beavers utilized pressure defense and open looks down the stretch to go on to the 75-64 win.

"Anytime you give up 40-some points to a team's backcourt, it's always a problem," assistant coach Oliver Drake said about BV's starting backcourt scoring a combined 42 points. "But I think it was a case where their shooters got hot and it was just one of those nights."

Atchison led the scoring effort for the Knights with 17 points, while Schmidt added 16 points and also led the team in rebounds with five.

Wednesday against Cornell, Wartburg pulled away from the Rams late in the first half, going on a 13-2 run to gain a 37-28 advantage. A layup from Steege closed the half with Wartburg up 41-34.

In the second half, Cornell fought back early to take a 53-51 lead with over 14 minutes remaining. This would be the Rams' lone lead of the half. The Knights scored on 11 of their next 12 possessions to build a 74-67 lead. Strong free throw shooting down the stretch ensured the 89-77 win.

Atchison had another big night against Cornell as he shot 9-10 from the field to lead the team with 23 points. Schmidt and Steege also scored in double digits with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

"It's absolutely huge (to have home court advantage)," Drake said. "Knights Gymnasium is a great place to play and we have great fans who really support us. But we're going to have to keep winning in order to keep playing at home."

Wartburg's win over Cornell gave the Knights the No. 1 seed and home court advantage for the Iowa conference tournament. Wartburg will host Simpson College in the first round of the tournament at 8 p.m. Tuesday. If the Knights continue to win, they will host both the semifinals and finals games Friday and Saturday.

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Women split week, take fourth place

By AARON HAGEN
Sports Writer

Two games: one win, one loss. Combined, the games were decided by 50 points. The Wartburg women's basketball team won a 35-point blowout against Cornell on Wednesday, then suffered a 15-point defeat at Buena Vista on Saturday.

Freshman Casey Huber started the scoring for the Knights on Saturday as her three-point shot in the opening seconds gave Wartburg a very early lead. BV took the lead back and held it for nearly eight minutes before the Knights stole it away. Wartburg led for the majority of the first half, but trailed 37-33 at halftime.

BV increased its lead to double digits right away in the second half, and led for the rest of the game. Wartburg was never closer than four points as it suffered the 81-66 loss.

"I was really impressed with how we came out right away and went after them," sophomore Tarah Mulder, who finished with eight points, said. "After halftime we still played strong, but that kind of team is going to shoot the ball well and execute."

"BV is the best team in the conference right now," head coach Monica Severson said. "We really came out and played well in the first half. The second half we had a little drought, which really hurt us."

Sophomore Natalie Tarkett led the Knights with 17 points. Huber was the only other Wartburg player to score in double figures, as she had 11 points.

Wednesday, Wartburg had its final regular season home game as it hosted Cornell. Although the Knights never trailed in the game, they struggled in the first half, never leading by more than nine points, and only held an eight-point advantage at the half.

The second half was a different story. The Knights came out and took control as sophomore Laura Pirkl pushed the lead up to 15 with a three-point basket in the first few minutes and Wartburg never looked back. The biggest lead of the game, however, was when the final buzzer sounded for an 80-45 win.

"I thought we played a pretty good second half. I thought we played an uninspired first half," Severson said.

Senior Amanda Berner and freshmen Elizabeth Campbell and Megan Hendricks all had 14 points. Berner led the way with nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

Wartburg finishes the regular season with a 14-10 record overall and a 9-7 record in the Iowa Conference. Wartburg will host Loras at 6 p.m. Tuesday night in the opening round of the IIAC tournament.

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RAM TOUGH— Freshman Megan Hendricks takes the ball to the hoop during Wednesday's game against Cornell. Hendricks was one of three Knights to score 14 points in the 80-45 blowout. The win locked up a top-half finish in the conference for Wartburg.

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Knights win 13th consecutive IIAC championship by 36-point margin

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Assistant Sports Editor

The word dynasty gets tossed around a lot these days, but the Wartburg wrestling team definitely deserves the term after picking up its 13th consecutive Iowa Conference championship Thursday. The Knights also qualified all 10 wrestlers for nationals for the third consecutive season, including six individual Iowa Conference champions.

"The two biggest things coming into today were winning the championship and getting everybody to nationals," head coach Jim Miller said. "We got both of those things done. I'm very gratified by that."

Winning championships for Wartburg were senior Tyler Hubbard at 133 pounds, junior Dustin Hinschberger at 141, senior Mark Sturm at 174, junior Scott Kauffman at 184, junior Akeem Carter at 197 and sophomore Blake Gillis at 285. Hinschberger also earned the outstanding wrestler award.

"That is the kind of marquee guy you want, and (Hinschberger) is a marquee guy," Miller said. "He's part of the big franchise. We don't win many wrestlers-of-the-year at Wartburg. I told him 'You're from Wartburg and everybody even likes you.' So that's awesome."

The Knights started off the championship round with a setback, as senior 125-pounder Justin McClintock lost to Loras' Terry Morgan 7-4. McClintock was winning 4-2 deep into the third period before Morgan caught him in a five-point move.

"He had the match in hand. It's just a mistake," Miller said. "I know he's disappointed. It's tough when something like that happens. You have to learn from it and get back up and go."

Hubbard started Wartburg on the right track, winning the 133-pound championship 7-4 over Justin Hulegaard from Buena Vista. Hinschberger then followed with a 20-5 technical fall over Coe's Mark Corey en route to his second Iowa Conference championship.

Senior Cory Connell could not defend his championship at 157 pounds, losing to Luther's Ryan LeBeau 4-1, giving the Knights their fourth loss in 33 matches on the day. But Wartburg recovered to win the last four championship matches.

"When you win the last four matches you've got to feel a little bit better," Miller said. "That was great to see."

Sturm started Wartburg's run with a 4-2 decision over Adam Reid from Coe. Kauffman then won a major decision over Luther's Danny Adams, 13-5, although the match was closer than the final score would indicate.

"Kauffman made the final score look pretty big but that was a struggle in there at times," Miller said. "We have some work to do there, but it was really great to see him win the championship."

"I look at it as a small step toward nationals," Kauffman said. "It's what we work for all year. Obviously, just being a qualifier is what I wanted all year. But there's still one more tournament left."

The Knights finished the day with Akeem Carter defending his championship with an 11-0 major decision over Mitch Hager of Loras. Blake Gillis also defended his title with a 6-1 decision over Simpson's Brett Christensen.

Even though the Knights lost two matches in the finals, they still feel like they have control of the conference.

"I think we were pretty dominant," Miller said. "We had eight in the finals and I think the next highest was four. When we're winning six championships then we still won the dual meet with all the other eight schools put together. If you want to call that catching up, I'll take it."

While championships are what the Knights aim for, the biggest match of the meet may have been when senior 165-pounder Andrew Knaack won 5-4 for third place over Loras' Brad Bishop, who had beaten Knaack earlier in the day. That win guaranteed Knaack a wildcard spot at nationals.

Wartburg also earned a wildcard spot at 149 pounds, where freshman Jacob Naig took fourth place after forfeiting the third place match because of injury.

"We're worried about his knee," Miller said. "It swelled up some so we pulled him out. We're always worried about that. But we've got some time here so hopefully we'll recoup and be okay."

Although the Knights dominated the Iowa Conference, they know improvements are needed to win a third straight national title in Northfield, Minn., March 4-5.

"There weren't 10 of us wrestling for one goal today," Kauffman said. "At times we showed it and at times we didn't. In two weeks, all 10 of us need to be hitting on all cylinders like one big machine at nationals."

"I have a lot of notes," Miller said. "We've got a lot of guys who need to work on individual things and make some changes if we're going to have a chance (at nationals). It was a long way from being what we wanted it to. We've got some work to do to get back to where we were last year."

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Courtesy of Sports Information

OUTSTANDING WRESTLER—Junior 141-pounder Dustin Hinschberger controls his opponent in the finals at the conference tourney Thursday.

Track strong in conference warm-up

By ANDREW DRYSDALE
Sports Writer

The Wartburg Knights performed strongly in their last tune up before the conference meet, taking home numerous individual titles. Both the men's and women's teams claimed their share of titles as the Knights appear to be hitting their stride at the right time, just before the indoor conference meet.

Senior Annie Olson led the women's squad, taking both the high jump and triple jump crowns with jumps of 5'-1" and 34'-11", respectively. Freshman Jessica Bates also took a title, winning the shot put with a toss of 40-09.5. Junior Ashley Williams won the 400m in 1:00.99 and sophomore Bridget Burns won the 200m crown, racing to a 26.04. Sophomore Kelsea Cannon continued her streak of solid races, placing second in the 60m dash with a time of 8.21 and sophomore Jill Wagaman finished only behind Iowa runner Jessica Schmidt in the mile with a 5:13.94, only .27 seconds behind Schmidt.

Missy Buttry ran away from the competition in the 800m, taking first in 2:13.12. Freshman Heidi Porter was third, finishing a mere .72 seconds behind runner–up Meredith Dobson of Coe, who crossed the line in 2:20.19. Rounding out the team performance were freshmen Julie Ridenour and Jessica Viner who went one-two in the 3000m run, crossing the line in 11:00.03 and 11:08.8, respectively.

On the men's side, juniors Josh Hauser and Keith Solverson continued running strong. Hauser placed third in the 200m with a 22.27, while Solverson was runner–up in the mile, running a season-best 4:17.57. The 4x400m relay team took home a championship, out-pacing the field in 3:26.64 and sophomore Kevin Balster broke the tape first in the 3000m run, racing to an 8:44.37.

Sophomore Scott Tjeerdsma placed third in the 600m with a time of 1:23.95 and Noah Wendland ran 1:55.46, which was good enough for second in the 800m. Junior Phil Barnett again paced the throwers, finishing fifth in both the shot put and weight throw with tosses of 48'-00.5" and 51'-02.75", respectively.

The Knights will next compete in the conference meet at Luther College. Both teams are considered favorites to take home first-place hardware, though perennial rivals Central and Loras will also be trying to lay claim to championships.

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